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ANADARKO, OKLAHOMA.

Great Britain still has friends with money to lend.

Fiddler Kubelik has arrived in Europe and is giving his lips a well-earned rest.

To further their seraphic ideals the Belgian socialists have purchased 17,000 revolvers.

If the price of meat continues to advance the vegetarian doctrine is sure to prove very popular.

That Detroit man who has twelve adopted children may aspire to be the foster father of his country.

"America is good enough for me," said J. Pierpont Morgan. This looks as if he meant to hold on to it.

John L. Sullivan says he would not trade appetites with John D. Rockefeller. Nor thirsts, either, probably.

And what makes you ten times madder is that the beef gets tougher in the same proportion that the prices does.

King Leopold might drop around to the junk dealers and see what they are paying this year for second-hand crowns.

"In South Africa," says an exchange, "peace has begun to cast its shadow before." That is a curious thing for peace to do.

Edward Everett Hall's motto is: "Each for all and all for each." But perhaps he hasn't seen J. Pierpont Morgan about it.

Gen. S. B. Buckner, heretofore a popular idol in Kentucky, has presented the town of Munfordville in that state with waterworks.

Honolulu will celebrate Thanksgiving day with unusual joyousness this year. The new Pacific cable will be doing business before then.

Russell Sage is complaining because his rent is to be raised this spring. Russ ought to save up and buy a little place somewhere.

In case it comes to an outbreak of hostilities between Italy and Switzerland the Italian navy may be utilized to blow holes in the Swiss cheese.

It is stated that over 60 per cent of German students are shortsighted. But over 90 per cent of them have a thirst that makes life worth living.

An Indiana man and a Chicago man are going to try to reach the north pole in an air ship. To save time their obituaries may be written before they start.

A Penn Yann woman has just paid for an Easter hat bought eighteen years ago. By strenuous effort and thrift she managed to accumulate the amount.

The Chicago coeds who cannot produce a play because every girl in the amateur company wants to be a star shows that they have the true professional spirit.

We have forgotten the name of Russell Sage's landlord, but he is exceedingly presumptuous, whoever he is, in thinking he can raise the rent on Uncle Russell.

Poor little Queen Wilhelmina has had her share of troubles since she ascended the throne, and from all accounts, the typhoid fever has not been the worst of them.

One of the learned doctors announces that he can find evidences of paresis in any man over 25 years of age. We would like to see him try to find a few in Mr. J. L. Sullivan.

Perhaps the increasing sale of cheap pianos in agricultural districts has something to do with the growing eagerness of men to leave the farms. —Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post.

Bands of Macedonians are collecting for the purpose of invading Turkey. With the money they received from Miss Stone the Macedonians will be able to have a lot of fun with the sultan.

A Chicago skirt dancer and "plastic pose" artist has testified in court that her salary was \$20 per week. But she was probably advertised as a "500-a-week" attraction, if her manager knew his business.

Miss Stones says that the brigands were kind to her, and her way of saying it leaves the impression that they did everything to make her stay among them an event in her life long to be remembered with pleasure.



Stars and Their Managers.

Although Henry Miller has now been before the public as a star for five seasons, his visit to Chicago this week in "D'Arcy of the Guards" will be his first as his own manager. A glance at the position occupied by a majority of stars now before the public proves interesting. Maude Adams, John Drew, William Gillette, William H. Crane, William Faversham, Virginia Harned, and E. M. Holland are all stars presented by Charles Frohman, as was Mr. Miller for several seasons. E. H. Southern and Annie Russell are Daniel Frohman's attractions. The Rogers Brothers, the Bostonians, and Jerome Sykes are controlled by Klaw & Erlanger. Viola Allen, James O'Neill, Edward Morgan, Kyrie Bellew and Mrs. Patrick Campbell are Liebler & Co.'s speculations. Frank Daniels and J. H. Stoddart are financed by Kirke La Shelle, Francis Wilson and James T. Powers by Nixon & Zimmerman, Julia Marlowe by C. B. Dillingham, Willie Collier by Jacob Litt, and a host of other prominent stars are in reality the speculation of some manager, and the stars may or may not

made use of his passes on this occasion. He was down town; he wanted to see the play; the house was sold; so, why not? The next day his opinion was eagerly called for by one of the classes at Columbia college.

"Well, gentlemen," said the literary freethinker, "the play was in four acts, and I was there as the guest of the author. After the second act I sat quiet while the audience hissed."

The professor took a long-drawn and reminiscent pull at his cigarette, then held it at arm's length and flicked off the ashes.

"And the third act?"

"Well, gentlemen," and there was a gleam of satisfaction in the professor's eye, "after the third act I went out and bought standing room and came back and hissed, too."

From Lady Babbie to Gavin.

Since Maude Adams' first appearance in "The Little Minister" no new star has been more cordially greeted than her former leading man, Robert Edson, when he made his debut in New York two weeks ago at the Savoy theater in "Soldiers of Fortune." It was from Barrie's play that Miss Adams selected her good-luck telegram to Mr. Edson on his initial performance. The message read: "It's a great night for the meetin', Rob.—Maude Adams."

Madame Sembrich.

In Paderewski's opera, "Manru," Madame Sembrich has added to the laurels she has previously won. Magnificent voice, stately presence and



be interested directly in the profits or losses of the tour.

Of those who are quite alone responsible for the existence of their companies, and must, therefore, assume all financial risks with the same, the list is small, although containing most excellent names: Joseph Jefferson, Richard Mansfield, Nat Goodwin, Mrs. Fiske, May Irwin, Amelia Bingham, E. S. Willard and James K. Hackett comprise the limited ranks, which has now received Henry Miller as a member.

Tim Murphy.



Tim Murphy, whose season opened early last spring, closed his company about two weeks ago. After a week's hunting trip in Louisiana he returned to New York, where he will complete arrangements for a production of his play and a repertoire of his former successes. The picture shows Mr. Murphy dressed for the role of the Hon. Maverick Brander in "A Texas Steer."

Brander Matthews' Way.

Brander Matthews received tickets for the first night, of course, says the New York Times. Did ever an author bring out a play in New York without sending tickets to Prof. Matthews? Contrary to his custom, Mr. Matthews

force of acting are all conceded by the critics, and not a little of the success of the opera is due to this splendid singer. With American audiences Madame Sembrich is almost as popular as Melba, and that is saying much.

What Imagination Can Do.

A funny story comes from Boston, where they have been having a season of grand opera.

During a presentation of "La Tosca" a number of Italians, sitting in a box, became convulsed with laughter. As Ternina was in the midst of her impassioned love song to Mario, the people about them first wondered what they were laughing at, and then became incensed at the foreigners. Finally an usher was sent to find out the reason of so much hilarity. One of them said:

"Do you know what Ternina is singing?"

"No," answered the attendant.

"Well, instead of a love song, she is singing in impassioned accents: 'Don't turn around; your trousers are torn. Don't turn around; your trousers are torn.'"—Toledo Blade.

A Lucky Minstrel.

Lew Dockstader, the minstrel, has been advised that he was bequeathed \$3,000 and made a residuary legatee in the will of his aunt, Harriet E. Clapp of Chicago, who left an estate of \$160,000.

Greenroom Gossip.

Grace Van Studdiford has been re-engaged as prima donna for the Bostonians.

It is said that Ignace Paderewski is at work on a new opera, the score of which is nearing completion.

W. G. Smyth will manage Minnie Dupree as a star next season in Evelyn Greenleaf Sutherland's play, "A Rose of Plymouth Town."

Madame Janauschek recently fell heavily on the floor of her room and sustained painful injury. She is now recovering from the effects of the fall, but is in a weak condition in consequence.

The Great Nicaraguan Canal.

Work Will Be Begun As Soon As Obnoxious Treaty Is Abrogated.

There is now positive assurance that the draft of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty is almost ready for the Senate, and it is certain to contain these provisions: It will supersede the Clayton-Bulwer treaty; the principle of neutrality of the proposed waterway across Nicaragua is guaranteed, the United States being the sole guarantor; the right to fortify the canal is secured to the United States alone. These features, it is believed, meet objections which arose in the Senate when the original Hay-Pauncefote treaty was submitted.

To bring about an amicable understanding between Great Britain and the United States, so as to permit the building of the great waterway so essential to American commercial expansion, has been the chief aim recently of Secretary Hay and the idea has been sent out by Washington correspondents that after its enactment into law Mr. Hay will retire from public life, after a career in the diplomatic service as brilliant as that of any other American. He has recently celebrated his 63d birthday and a goodly share of his years have been spent in the foreign service of his government. President Lincoln made his acquaintance at Springfield, Ill., in 1858, where he began the practice of law after leaving Brown university. When Lincoln went to Washington Hay became his assistant secretary, and remained with him until his death. Then he went to

France as secretary of legation and later served in the same capacity in Spain and Austria-Hungary. For five years he was editor of the New York Tribune and then he removed to Cleveland. He was Assistant Secretary of State during a part of the Hayes administration. President McKinley sent him to England as ambassador to the Court of St. James in 1897, and upon the retirement of William R. Day from the post of Secretary of State in 1898 called Mr. Hay to that most important of cabinet positions.

In event that the new treaty is ratified work will be begun on the canal at once. It is not certain, however, that there is not still considerable opposition to the treaty. Many of the Senators on both sides believe that there should be no treaty with England at all—that the document to be ratified by the Senate should be nothing more nor less than a plain agreement on the part of England to abrogate the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, which technically prevented the United States from building the canal. The Senators who take this view may be classed as the ultra-Americans. They hold that after the Clayton-Bulwer treaty is abrogated no foreign power on the globe has a right to demand of our government how we shall operate our own canal. They therefore believe that the safest course for this country to adopt is to abrogate the Clayton-Bulwer treaty and let it go at that.



JOHN HAY.
(American Secretary of State, Whose Name Will Be Inseparably Associated With the New Canal.)

A CONVICT'S SACRIFICE.

Pathetic Incident Which Occurred Recently in Kansas.

Escaping from prison that he might see his wife and child who were dangerously ill and then surrendering himself that they might receive the reward for his capture, is what has brought Joseph Pabst, an inmate of the Kansas state prison at Lansing, into prominence. Pabst was sent to Lansing from a western county for larceny. He had almost completed a sentence of two years. At the time he escaped from the penitentiary he had only five months more to serve. He was practically a "trustee." In a letter from friends Pabst, while still in prison, learned that his wife and one of his children were sick. In order to see them he succeeded in escaping. He made his way to Reno county, where his family had moved and were living with Charles Ramsey on a farm.

Officials were unable to get any trace of the escaped convict, but the usual offer for escaped prisoners of \$50 reward was posted in all parts of the state. Pabst found his family living on the bounty of the husband of a woman who had been a girlhood friend of his wife. His wife needed money and there was no way for him to get it. He did not dare seek employment for fear of being rearrested. In despair Pabst decided to give himself up in order that his wife might have the reward money, and at his request Ramsey notified the sheriff, who arrested the escaped convict.

An officer arrived from the penitentiary Monday and took Pabst back, and it is probable that he will have to

serve his entire two years over. The reward was paid to Ramsey, who took the money to Mrs. Pabst. All of the story that was known to the officers here was the fact of Pabst's arrest and the paying of the reward to Ramsey. The story of the sacrifice was learned from neighbors, and the facts have been admitted by Charles Ramsey.

Queer Parliamentary Customs.

When English people are funny they are so unwittingly and frequently are most solemn when they are most amusing. The British Parliament is governed as to its etiquette by an unwritten code of laws which only the most abandoned Liberals or Irish members ever violate and which a fine, crusty old Conservative, "with a stake in the country, sir," would rather suffer torture than infringe. Probably the most singular rule is that which prohibits a member of the House of Commons from raising both his feet from the floor at the same time. He can wave one foot wildly in the air if he wants to, but the other must rest on the floor. This rule, however, does not apply to members who sit on the front benches. For some unexplained reason they are allowed the privilege of doing what they like with their feet.

An arrangement has just been made whereby the Berlin gas lamps in the street will be lighted automatically and simultaneously by means of an electric attachment. The current will be switched on from the central station, and a spark will ignite the gas, which will be turned on by a special apparatus.